

REMARKS

The Office Action rejected claims 47-50, 52, 53, 55-57, 60, 61 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 (a) as being obvious over Spence, U.S. Pat. No. 6,565,581. Claims 51, 54, 58, 59, 62 and 64 were indicated as being allowable. The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully disagree that the pending claims are rendered obvious by Spence, U.S. Pat. No. 6,565,581. However, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution of this case, applicants herein amend the claims to accept the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to seek claims substantially of the scope of the rejected claims by virtue of a continuation patent application.

This amendment results in the presence of five independent claims. Please charge the amount of \$420.00 for the addition of two independent claims over the allotted three to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this amendment. Please charge the fee of \$120.00 for the submission of the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

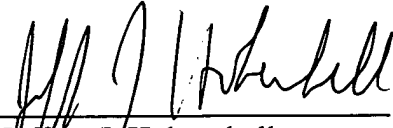
A supplemental IDS accompanies this amendment. Please charge the fee of \$180.00 for the submission of this SIDS to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-505-8426.

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